

**Proposed Rule**  
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**DIGEST**

Adds [575 IAC 1-10](#) to require school bus drivers to provide seat belt instruction and conduct bus evacuation drills. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

**[575 IAC 1-10](#)**

SECTION 1. [575 IAC 1-10](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Rule 10. Seat Belt Instruction and Bus Evacuation Drills**

**[575 IAC 1-10-1](#) Seat belt instruction**

Authority: [IC 20-27-3-6.5](#)

Affected: [IC 9-19-10-2](#); [IC 20-27-8](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A school bus driver operating a school bus that is equipped with safety belts meeting the standards set forth in [IC 9-19-10-2](#), not including the driver's seat belt, shall at least once a semester provide instruction to the passengers on the school bus on the proper fastening of the safety belt.

(b) The instruction shall include the following:

- (1) Proper position of the safety belt when fastened.
- (2) How tight the safety belt should be when fastened.
- (3) Improper safety belt placement.
- (4) Requirements for use of safety belts.
- (5) Consequences of failure to use or improperly using safety belts.

(c) Documentation of the completed training for each bus shall be reported to the designated district or private school representative.

(d) Documentation of the completed training for each district or private school shall be reported to the department of education by June 1 of each year.

(State School Bus Committee; [575 IAC 1-10-1](#))

**[575 IAC 1-10-2](#) Bus evacuation drills**

Authority: [IC 20-27-3-6.5](#)

Affected: [IC 20-27-8](#)

Sec. 2. (a) A school bus driver operating a school bus shall at least once a semester conduct a school bus passenger evacuation drill.

(b) All school bus passenger evacuation drills shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (1) Be completed in two (2) minutes or less.
- (2) Be conducted within forty-five (45) school days of the beginning date of each semester.
- (3) Use only emergency exit doors for the drill.

(c) At the completion of each school year, the bus passenger evacuation drills for each district or private school shall have included the following:

- (1) The use of all emergency exit doors.

- (2) One (1) drill in the morning and one (1) drill in the afternoon.
- (3) One (1) drill with the school bus driver not participating.

(d) Documentation of the bus passenger evacuation drill for each bus shall be reported to the designated district or private school representative.

(e) Documentation of the bus passenger evacuation drill for each district or private school shall be reported to the department of education by June 1 of each year.

(State School Bus Committee; [575 IAC 1-10-2](#))

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